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The NE Washington Wolf-Livestock Management Grant Request for Proposals

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The Washington State Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce a competitive solicitation process to award NE WA Wolf-Livestock Management Grant funds for projects that provide assistance with non-lethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves in four Washington counties: Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille.

Release Date: June 1, 2021
Proposals Due: June 10, 2021, 5:00 PM

No late submissions will be accepted



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PURPOSE

To create a community-based approach to provide assistance with non-lethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves in four Washington counties: Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille.

TIMELINE (subject to change)

What	When
Request for Proposals Released	June 1, 2021
Proposals Due	June 10, 2021
Notifications to Applicants	July 2021

FUNDING AND DURATION

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$432,000 in the 2021-2023 biennium for the continuation of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant. Washington State Department of Agriculture will retain an 8% administrative fee.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Nonprofit community-based collaborative organizations with advisory boards that include personnel from relevant agencies including, but not limited to, the US Forest Service and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Funds from the grant program must be used only for the deployment of nonlethal deterrence, specifically with the goal to reduce the likelihood of cattle being injured or killed by wolves by deploying proactive, preventative methods that have a good probability of producing effective results. Grant proposals will be assessed partially on this intent.
- Grantees who use funds for range riders or herd monitoring must deploy this tool in a manner so that targeted areas with cattle are visited daily or near daily.
- Grantees must collaborate with other entities providing prevention efforts resulting in coordinated wolf-livestock conflict deterrence efforts, both temporally and spatially, therefore providing well-timed and placed preventative coverage on the landscape.
- Annual reports from grantees will be assessed for how well grant objectives were met and used to decide whether future grant funds will be awarded to past grantees.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

Award Recipients will sign a Grant Agreement with WSDA and are required to follow all applicable state rules and regulations, including those for insurance coverage, procurement practices, and accounting procedures.

Recipients are required to keep thorough records and source documentation for all expenditures of grant funds; these records must be kept for six years after the grant ends. Failure to properly manage a grant award may result in the obligation to repay grant funds and/or exclusion from future grant opportunities.



Reimbursement of Grant Funds: Grant funds will be paid to recipients for approved expenditures on a reimbursement basis. All invoices must be submitted with all receipts/source documentation for expenditures.

Recipients will be required to submit annual performance reports and a final report is required prior to reimbursing the final payment.

APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

In accordance of [RCW 16.76.020](#), projects will be reviewed and selected by the NE WA Wolf-Management Advisory Board. WSDA's role is to ensure projects selected to receive funding are in compliance with state law. The Board will act autonomously from WSDA.

Any parameters and processes for project selection, such as funding limits, geographic dispersal of funds, number of projects selected, minimum standards, project thresholds, etc., will not be established by WSDA. Any guidelines used to select which nonlethal deterrence resources projects receive funding will be established at the sole discretion of the board.

Upon receipt of applications, WSDA will verify eligibility. All applications will be provided to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for a comment period of two weeks. WDFW will review all applications as they relate to the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and provide comments back to WSDA. WDFW's comments will be provided to the NE WA Wolf- Livestock Management Advisory Board for their review and consideration.

APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA

Project Narrative and Application: Up to 25 Points

Based on history of success, innovation and novelty, accurate and complete application, and stakeholdersinvolved.

Sustainability: Up to 10 Points

Based on a need to think about the long term and a time when grant funds may not be available.

Work Plan: Up to 30 Points

Based on potential for success, problems addressed, qualifications of the team, existing mechanisms foraccountability.

Budget Narrative: Up to 25 Points

Based on cost effectiveness, timeline of fund execution.

Other: Up to 10 Points

Based on area of impact, project vulnerability, number of packs involved, and other board member concerns.

HOW TO APPLY

To obtain the NE WA Wolf-Livestock Management Grant Application go to: [Northeast Washington Wolf Livestock Management Grant webpage](#)



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Organization Name: Provide the name of the organization that will receive funding and manage the project.

UBI#: Provide the organization's Unified Business Identification Number.

Organization Address/City/State/Zip: Please provide all for the organization applying.

List the county(s) in which the project will take place.

List the geographical area(s) where the project will take place.

Contact Name/Title: Provide the contact name and title for the lead on the project.

Board of Directors List of Affiliations: Provide the Board of Directors and their affiliations.

Phone: Provide the phone number for the lead on the project.

Email: Provide the email for the lead on the project.

Grant Request: Provide the \$ amount for the funds you are requesting.

Printed Name of Authorized Applicant/Title: Provide the name and title of the individual certifying the application.

Project Narrative

All of the following must be addressed within the text boxes provided.

Project Purpose:

- How will the project address the issue, problem or need?
- Indicate geographic project area and parcels involved.
- Description of related activities within the geographic area and how this effort will be coordinated with existing projects.

Sustainability:

- Would your proposed actions be sustainable for producers long term without continued outside funding? When answering this question, please consider the capacity of the producers with regard to cost, time available, training, ability to manage additional employees if necessary, and if there is a trained and equipped workforce available to hire.

Reporting:

- The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) would like monthly reporting on the criteria listed below. The required information will include, but is not



limited to:

- Description and location of non-lethal measures implemented;
- For human presence or range riding: logs with dates, hours of work, GPS track logs (e.g. from GPS units, pictures with GPS metadata, location communication devices like inReach);
- Any notable observations.

How would you handle the reporting requirements requested by WDFW?

Work Plan:

- Identify the activities necessary to accomplish your project.
- Indicate who will do the work of each activity.
- Include the timeline for accomplishing each activity. Include start and end dates.
- Provide the project methodology or additional details in narrative form.

Budget Narrative

Below are the available budget category options for your project. Choose all that apply. Provide the dollar amount requested for each budget category and explain how the funds will be used and why they are necessary.

- **Supplies:** Supply costs for contractors should be included under “Contractual.”
- **Equipment:** Items with a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more must follow the State Procurement rules.
- **Contractual:** Services to be provided under a contract. The State Procurement rules must be followed.
- **Travel:** Ground transportation, lodging, meals, and mileage. Travel rates may not exceed the reimbursement rates allowed by Washington State and the Federal government. For these rates, please view [Travel and Reimbursement Rates](#). Travel costs for contractors should be included under “Contractual.”
- **Other:** Includes all other costs. “Other” costs for contractors should be included under “Contractual.”